

November 20, 2015

Ocotillo District Weekly Update

GLENDALE SET TO NAME NEW CITY MANAGER

Kevin Phelps to Assume Top Management Role

The city of Glendale announced today that it is in the final stages of selecting Kevin Phelps as its new City Manager. The Council is set to formally confirm Phelps' appointment during its regularly scheduled meeting next Tuesday, Nov. 24. Pending that confirmation, Phelps will begin work in Glendale on Feb. 1, 2016.

After an extensive nationwide search and rigorous interview process, Phelps was chosen from a field of six exemplary finalists. For the past six years, Phelps has been the highest-ranking appointed official in Pierce County, Washington, an area that includes greater Tacoma and is that state's second-largest county. Phelps was previously a deputy auditor in the Washington State Auditor's Office and served for seven years as an elected councilmember for the city of Tacoma. Prior to his tenure in government, Phelps spent decades in the private sector as founder and managing general partner of the Landmark Convention Center, also in Tacoma.

Glendale Mayor Jerry Weiers said, "I've enjoyed getting to know Kevin in this process and I'm extremely excited to have him join our team as our new City Manager. His leadership with a large region like the Pierce County area, as well as his business experience at the convention center in Tacoma, is going to be a great fit for Glendale." Mayor Weiers added, "Glendale is headed in the right direction, and this is a critical leadership position at a pivotal time for our city. I have the utmost confidence in Kevin's abilities to keep the positive momentum going."



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Mr. Phelps said he is delighted by the appointment and ready to get to work. "I am incredibly excited to serve the citizens, Council and employees of Glendale. I look forward to bringing my 30-plus years of private sector experience and 18 years of government sector experience to the city," said Phelps, adding, "My wife and I absolutely love Glendale and are excited to make it our home. I am grateful for this incredible opportunity in this fantastic city."

As City Manager, Phelps will be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the city, and is tasked with implementing the policy and decisions of the City Council. He will oversee a citywide operating and capital budget of \$632 million with more than 1,700 full-time employees. Interim City Manager Dick Bowers will continue to serve in that role until Phelps assumes his new duties in February.

Phelps studied journalism at Washington State University and holds a degree in Business Management from Western Governor's University. For more information about the city of Glendale, please visit www.glendaleaz.com.

City Of Glendale Sponsors 4th Annual Resource Fair

Glendale's Community Services Department has partnered with Maricopa Integrated Health System for the 4th Annual Glendale Family Health and Resource Fair on **Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Drive. Offering onsite resource assistance for Glendale residents, this event is free and open to the public. Utility assistance for residents who qualify will be available through the city of Glendale. In addition, the Salvation Army Project Share, Southwest Gas LIRA Discount Plan, SRP Economy Price Plan Monthly Discounts, AHCCCS Enrollment, WIC, APS Energy Support Program (E-3) and others will be on hand to offer onsite enrollment and assistance. Sponsors include APS, SRP and Southwest Gas Corporation.

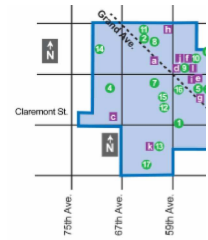
"It is a one-stop shop for residents from the city's low-income population to attend and get so much help in one location," said Rebecca Daniel, Glendale's Community Action Program Manager. "Last year we had about 1,300 participants. Every year this event grows with agencies and residents."

People attending the fair can also take advantage of the free health screenings and other medical treatment checks. Children can enjoy face painting and a teddy bear clinic in the Kids' Corner. As a special bonus, the first 200 families to attend will receive a free turkey for the upcoming holiday.

To see a full list of requirements for utility assistance, call Glendale's Community Action Program office at 623-930-2854. For more information about the city's Community Action Program, visit www.glendaleaz.com/CAP.

City of Glendale Offices Will be Closed on Thursday, November 26, and Friday, November 27 in observance of Thanksgiving

The Glendale Main Library and the Glendale Adult Center will also be closed. All scheduled residential garbage pick-up and recycling will be



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shifted one day for Thursday (11/26), and Friday (11/27). For more information about the city's sanitation services, call 623-930-2660.

Thanksgiving Day-Thursday, November 26
Thursday (11/26) to Friday (11/27)
Friday (11/27) to Saturday (11/28)

Only Gus Bus One will run, operating on a Sunday schedule from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For Dial-a-Ride service that day, reservations must be made by noon on **Wednesday, November 25**, by calling 623-930-3500. No same-day service on Wednesday will be available. Valley Metro buses will operate on a Sunday schedule.

Glendale's Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center will be closed Thursday, Nov. 26 thru Sunday, Nov. 29 for the holiday and annual maintenance. For more information on the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, call 623-930-4600.

Councilmember Aldama wants to hear from you regarding Light Rail / Bus Rapid Transit. Please contact him by emailing jaldama@glendaleaz.com or schedule a meeting by calling 623-930-2249.

TransitValley Metro West Phoenix/Central Glendale High Capacity Transit Study Information

What is the timeline for the West Phoenix/Central Glendale Project?
As you may know, Valley Metro has a study underway to identify transit options to connect downtown Glendale to the light rail system. The project is scheduled for operations in 2026, but critical decisions are being made in the current study to determine a route and type of transit (light rail or bus rapid transit). That study will conclude in early 2016 with a vote by the Glendale and Phoenix City Councils. We want to hear from you! To learn more about the project and how you can provide input, visit valleymetro.org/Glendale.

Glendale Police Awarded Multiple Grants From Governor's Office of Highway Safety

- In an effort to save more lives and reduce the number of injuries related to vehicular collisions on Arizona's roadways, the Governor's Office of Highway Safety is partnering with the Glendale Police Department and other local law enforcement agencies to increase traffic safety. The Glendale Police Department has been awarded three grants that it will use to enforce traffic safety through the end of September 2016. In some cases there are specific enforcement periods and those will be announced via more specific press releases as they near. The grants awarded and their dollar amounts are listed below:

- Occupant Protection - \$30,000
- DUI/Impaired Driving Enforcement - \$60,000
- Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) - \$25,000

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Not In My Drain!

Pouring Fats, Oils and/or Grease (FOG) down your kitchen drain can cause sewer clogs that block the flow of wastewater from your home to the City's wastewater treatment plant. You can help prevent sewer blockages by:

- Pouring used grease into a disposable container, sealing the lid, and disposing in the trash can.
- Scraping food from dishes and cookware into the trash can prior to washing.
- Putting strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and disposing in the trash can.
- Watching the FOG prevention video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2yB9x-vONBM>

Wipes Clog Pipes

Toilet paper is the only "paper" that should be flushed down the toilet as it will dissolve. Wipes will not dissolve quickly or at all, and could potentially cause sewer overflows into residential homes or city streets. Place the following items in the trash, not the toilet:

- Baby wipes/diapers
- Disinfecting/cleaning wipes
- Paper towels/napkins

Notice of Road Restrictions and Construction Activity: East Catlin Court Improvements, State Avenue, from 56th Ave to 57th Ave

Tri Com Corporation has been contracted by the City of Glendale to work on improvements along State Avenue from 56th Ave to 57th Ave. These improvements will consist of demolition, new sidewalks, ramps, curbing, along with new light fixtures and landscaping. There will be specific dates where your driveway may be impacted and a later notice will be sent to alert you of work in your specific area in front of your property. This notice will include dates and times of impact in your area. This project will impact the overall project area from **November 2nd, 2015 - December 18th, 2015**. If you have any questions, feel free to call Tri Com Corporation via the contact information provided below.

Tri Com Corporation (Contractor): Ian Carlson, 760-458-1107
ian@tricomcorp.com

To find out information about street construction / traffic restrictions, or the pavement management program please click on the link below

<http://www.glendaleaz.com/improvements/>

Bulk Trash Collection

Please click on the link below to view the bulk trash pick-up schedule. As a reminder, residents are asked to place bulk trash out no earlier than 6 a.m.



on the Thursday before your scheduled service week and no later than 6 a.m. on the Monday of your scheduled service week. It is a violation of city ordinance to put bulk trash out before or after the assigned period. Failure to comply may result in enforcement action, including charges to the resident.

<http://www.glendaleaz.com/sanitation/documents/2015BulkTrashEnglish.pdf>

Coming Up

East Catlin Court Neighborhood Volunteer and Information Fair

You're invited to join Councilmember Aldama and Councilmember Turner for a co-sponsored event.

*A special East Catlin Court Neighborhood Volunteer and Information Fair will be held on **Saturday, December 5, 2015, from 8 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.***

Join us in helping to improve the neighborhood and learn about important city services and programs that are available to you. It will be a fun-filled morning with give-aways, information and opportunities for you to get involved. Refreshments will be provided. It will be located on 56th Ave between State and Northview. If you have any questions, please call Deanne Burt at 623-930-2813.

Phoenix Artists Guild Exhibit And Sale At Westgate

Deck the halls with local art! Don't miss this opportunity to browse and buy a one-of-a-kind gift during the Phoenix Artists Guild Fine Art Exhibition and Sale at Gallery Glendale at Westgate, 9380 W. Westgate Blvd., Suite D-102. **Special gallery hours will be 3 to 9 p.m., through Sunday, Dec. 27, with the exception of closures on Mondays. The gallery will also be closed for the holidays on Nov. 26 and Dec. 24-25.** Enjoy affordable, original artwork in various media by local professional artists. More than 80 works of art will be on exhibit and available for sale. No purchase is required, but you might find it hard to leave without taking home a bargain. To meet the minds behind the art, drop by the festive artist receptions on **Nov. 13 and Dec. 11, from 6-9 p.m.**, to enjoy light refreshments and the opportunity to chat with talented artists.

Phoenix Artists Guild (PAG) is an organization established more than three decades ago to encourage the appreciation of fine arts; to promote ethical principles and practices of original art; to promote educational programs in fine arts; and to promote camaraderie, cooperation and encouragement among artists at all skill levels. To learn more about PAG, visit www.phoenixartistsguild.com.

Gallery Glendale at Westgate, located between Crave Waffle Sandwich Creations and Mama Gina's Pizzeria, is made possible through a partnership between the city of Glendale and Westgate Entertainment District. Admission to Gallery Glendale is free and open to the public. For more information, call 623-930-3557, email Mvahabzadeh@glendaleaz.com or visit www.glendaleaz.com/galleryglendale. For information about Westgate Entertainment District, visit www.westgateaz.com.



Glendale Police Seeking Enrollment For January 2016 Citizen Police Academy

The Glendale Police Department is accepting applications for the upcoming Citizen Police Academy which begins on Wednesday, **January 6, 2016**.

The application deadline of **November 30th**.

The Citizens Academy is a free program designed to offer participants the opportunity to learn, hands on, about many Glendale Police Operations, such as the use of Police Canines, Crime Scene Investigations and Tactical Operations. The curriculum also includes an overview of the Glendale Police Department's Administration, Police Communications, and Community Oriented Policing.

Participants must be at least 18 years of age and undergo a background check and fingerprinting process. All fingerprinting and completed applications must be submitted no later than **Monday, November 30th, 2015**. The Citizen Police Academy is 12 weeks in length and is held on Wednesday nights from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm at the Glendale Regional Public Safety Training Center and Glendale Police Main Station. There will also be one Saturday class.

Applications can be downloaded and the fingerprinting schedule can be viewed from the Glendale Police website at the following link:

<http://www.glendaleaz.com/police/involvement.cfm#CitizenPoliceAcademy>.

For further information, please contact Marie Shepherd at 623-930-3282 or via email at mshepherd@glendaleaz.com.

Downtown Glendale Sparkles, Shines, & Glitters As State's Largest Free Holiday Light Display Kicks Off November 27

What is more synonymous with the magic of holiday lights in the Valley of the Sun than Glendale Glitters? Glendale's award-winning holiday festival has become a family tradition across the Valley and state, and this year the 22nd annual celebration kicks off on **Friday, Nov. 27** and **Saturday, Nov. 28**, from 5-10 p.m. each evening.

The stunning display of 1.5 million LED lights will illuminate sixteen blocks of Historic Downtown Glendale, making it the largest free holiday light display in Arizona. Free admission and free shuttles make this beloved event family friendly.

Visitors of all ages will delight in holiday entertainment, delectable food, hand-crafted holiday gifts, a children's winter wonderland and petting zoo, shopping and everyone's favorite person this time of year - Santa Claus. The always-entertaining stage show will feature special honored guests to help flip on the lights, in the countdown lighting ceremony on **Friday evening, Nov. 27** beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Opening weekend, free parking shuttles are provided from Glendale Community College (last shuttle will leave downtown Glendale at 10:15). Shuttles pick up from the northeast parking lots of the college, accessing from 59th Avenue and Vogel. In addition, street parking in and around the downtown is free, but event attendees will have the option of paying for preferred parking in the two downtown garages, both of which are accessible from 59th Avenue and Glenn Drive.

The festivities continue with more events in downtown Glendale, each



- **Dec. 4-5:** Glendale's Jingle Bell Rockin' Nights
- **Dec. 11-12:** Glendale's Winter Wonderland Weekend
- **Dec.18-19:** Glendale's Spirit of Giving Weekend

The glittering magic of Glendale's holiday display remains lit nightly through **Jan. 9**, from 5-11 p.m. each evening. Historic Downtown Glendale is located at 58th and Glendale avenues. For more information, call the Special Event Hotline at 623-930-2299 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/events. Glendale Glitters is sponsored by APS, Valley Buick-GMC Dealers, Cerreta Candy Company, Arizona Republic, ABC15 - KNXV, KMLE, KOOL, Live 101.5, Glendale Community College, Eternal Waters and Camelback Ranch-Glendale. Free Shuttles sponsored by Blue Cross® Blue Shield® of Arizona*

Glendale Announces Special Guests Kurt & Brenda Warner For Countdown To Glendale Glitters November 27

The city of Glendale is pleased to announce that Kurt and Brenda Warner will be the special guests that will help light up the city during the Countdown to Glendale Glitters Show on **Nov. 27 at 5:30 p.m.** This year, the event's theme will be 'a few of my favorite holiday things,' and following an entertaining stage show, the Warners will help the Mayor and City Council flip the switch on 1.5 million lights throughout downtown Glendale. Kurt Warner is best known for his success on the football field as a former NFL quarterback and Super Bowl MVP. After a successful 12-year career, Warner retired from football in 2010 and is an analyst for the NFL Network. Warner is also well known for his work off the field, as a philanthropist and a man of faith. He and his wife Brenda, parents to seven children, created the First Things First Foundation in 2001, which serves as a vehicle for them to reach out to the community and share their blessings with those in need. Brenda Warner is a former US Marine, New York Times best-selling author, and passionate philanthropist. She has toured the country as a featured speaker for Women of Faith Christian Women's Conference, and shared her unbelievable story with thousands. Warner has shared her vision of a safe and loving home for people with disabilities to create Treasure House. Treasure House is part of Aspera, a mixed-use master planned campus located along the Loop 101 and 75th Avenue in Glendale. This unique development on 76 acres will include health care services from Banner Health, a senior housing complex and a fitness club. Treasure House, founded by the Warners, along with partners Don and Kim Cardon, is a vocational, recreational, social and educational live-in facility for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities that is expected to be completed in the spring of 2016.

The "Countdown to Glendale Glitters" begins with festive, holiday entertainment for the 30-minute show, between 5:30 and 6 p.m., featuring local performers including: 76th Street, Fiesta Mexicana Dance Company, On Stage Dance Academy and the Arizona Twirling Athletes, with a spectacular fire show to "A Marshmallow Christmas."

The complete lineup of entertainment for both days opening weekend will include:

Friday, Nov. 27:

5:30 p.m. Countdown to Glendale Glitters Stage Show
6:30 p.m. Fiesta Mexicana Dance Co.
7:15 p.m. Marilyn's Academy of Dance
8:15 p.m. Oasis Dance
9:15 p.m. On Stage Dance

Saturday, Nov. 28:

5:00 p.m. Academy of Classic Ballet
6:00 p.m. Dance Academy North
7:00 p.m. Central Community Choir
8:00 p.m. Take Five Dance Academy
9:00 p.m. Peoria Performance Dance

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Arizona Ron Leads Walking Tours Of Downtown Glendale

Learn the story of Glendale first-hand from one of its long-time residents, "Arizona Ron." Arizona Ron will be offering "The Town of Dreams" Walking Tours in Downtown Glendale on **Nov. 18, 20, 25, and Dec. 2, 4, 9, 11, 16 and 18**. Each tour begins at 9:30 a.m. at the Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Dr. suite 140, and costs \$15 for adults or \$5 for ages 16 and under.

Learn how Glendale transformed from the vegetable capital to the sports capital of Arizona over the past 120 years, and how it has grown from a few hundred people to 230,000-plus residents, all the while retaining its hometown charm. Arizona Ron invites everyone to "come join me for a fascinating 90-minute walk throughout Historic Downtown Glendale!"

Ron Brewster has lived in Glendale for 60 years, a former resident of the home that is currently the location of The Spicery in Our 1895 Home, now in the Catlin Court District and listed on the National Historic Register. His father, Harold Brewster, purchased the home in 1936 from its original owners, the Messinger family. Victor Messinger was one of Glendale's earliest residents, contributing to the city's first library in Murphy Park, and was the first city clerk in 1910 when Glendale was incorporated. The Brewster family owned the property until it was sold to Martha Campbell, the original owner of The Spicery, in 1985.

Visitors are encouraged to enjoy a meal in Downtown Glendale after the tour at one of the many eateries in the area. The Glendale Visitor Center provides information on all area shopping, dining and attractions. For more



Coffee with a Cop Event

Join your neighbors and police officers for coffee and conversation. No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns and hear about crime trends in your neighborhood. For more information, contact your Community Action Team: Officer Andy Lynes, 623-930-2554, Crime Prevention Specialist Angela Botz, 623-930-2571.

December 10th 9:00 am Parson's 5921 W. Northern Avenue

Ocotillo District Mobile Office Hours

Councilmember Aldama will be having his next Mobile Office Hours on **Monday, December 7th from 5:00 to 6:30pm. Location to be determined.** We encourage you to stop by and meet with Councilmember Aldama. No appointment is necessary.

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